

HOUSE RESOLUTION 331

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joe Jackson of White Station High School on his selection as the 2010 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA Mr. Basketball.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athlete is Joe Jackson, a player of extraordinary talent, skill, and athleticism, who received the 2010 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA Mr. Basketball award; and

WHEREAS, a senior guard at White Station High School, Joe Jackson finished the regular basketball season with an average of 32.3 points per game, six rebounds, three assists, and two steals; and

WHEREAS, a 5' 11" athlete with extraordinary basketball skills, Mr. Jackson was a four-year starter for White Station High School, and his 3,451 career points rank second all-time in Shelby County, with only the legendary Bobby "Bingo" Smith ranking ahead of him; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, the University of Memphis signee has been recognized on several occasions for his tremendous athletic prowess, earning numerous honors over his stellar career, including recognition as a State Mr. Basketball finalist twice, a McDonald's All-American, the 2009-2010 Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year, and he is also a finalist for the 2009-2010 National Gatorade Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, accepting an invitation to attend the prestigious 2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team training camp, he is one of only twenty-one high school basketball players selected to attend the camp this summer at the University of Texas at San Antonio; twelve of

the attendees at the camp will be selected to represent the USA team at the 2010 FIBA Americas U18 championship; and

WHEREAS, Joe Jackson epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as he has achieved a high level of success in sports, while evincing great character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson's extraordinary honor is a source of great pride for his family and community as well as his school, and it is appropriate that we pause to honor and commend this elite athlete; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Joe Jackson on being named the 2010 TSSAA Class AAA Mr. Basketball award winner and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.